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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 21 and 23 without prejudice and amend claims 1, 7, 11, 13, 14, 19 and 20 so that the claims read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A refastenable absorbent garment comprising:
  - a first body panel having first and second opposite side edges;
  - a second body panel having first and second opposite side edges;
  - a crotch portion extending between said first and second body panels,wherein said first body panel has a first terminal crotch edge and said second body panel has a second terminal crotch edge longitudinally spaced from said first terminal crotch edge so as to form a gap therebetween, wherein said crotch portion bridges said gap and overlies said first and second terminal crotch edges;
  - at least a first fastener member and a second fastener member fixedly secured to and extending outboard from said first and second opposite side edges of said first body panel respectively, wherein each of said first and second fastener members comprises a refastenable portion; and
  - first and second extension members fixedly secured to and extending outboard from said first and second opposite side edges of said second body panel respectively, wherein said refastenable portion of said first fastener member releasably engages said first extension member and wherein said refastenable portion of said second fastener member releasably engages said second extension member.
2. (Original) The refastenable absorbent garment of claim 1 wherein said refastenable portion comprises a hook material.

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3. (Original) The refastenable absorbent garment of claim 2 wherein said first and second extension portions comprise a loop material configured to releasably engage said hook material.

4. (Original) The refastenable absorbent garment of claim 1 wherein said first and second extension members have an outboard curved edge.

5. (Original) The refastenable absorbent garment of claim 1 wherein said first and second extension members are elasticized.

6. (Original) The refastenable absorbent garment of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of said first and second fastener members are elasticized.

7. (Currently Amended) A refastenable absorbent garment comprising:  
a first body panel having first and second opposite side edges;  
a second body panel having first and second opposite side edges;  
a crotch portion extending between said first and second body panels;  
at least a first fastener member and a second fastener member fixedly  
secured to and extending outboard from said first and second opposite side edges of said  
first body panel respectively, wherein each of said first and second fastener members  
comprises a refastenable portion; and

first and second extension members fixedly secured to and extending outboard  
from said first and second opposite side edges of said second body panel respectively,  
wherein said refastenable portion of said first fastener member releasably engages said  
first extension member and wherein said refastenable portion of said second fastener  
member releasably engages said second extension member. ~~The refastenable absorbent~~

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~~garment of claim 1~~ wherein said first and second extension members are secured to a bodyside surface of said second body panel member.

8. (Original) The refastenable absorbent garment of claim 1 wherein said first and second extension members are bonded to said first and second opposite side edges of said second body panel respectively.

9. (Original) The refastenable absorbent garment of claim 8 wherein said wherein said first and second extension members are adhesively bonded to said first and second opposite side edges of said second body panel respectively.

10. (Original) The refastenable absorbent garment of claim 8 wherein said wherein said first and second extension members are sonically bonded to said first and second opposite side edges of said second body panel respectively.

11. (Currently Amended) A refastenable absorbent garment comprising:  
a first body panel having first and second opposite side edges;  
a second body panel having first and second opposite side edges;  
a crotch portion extending between said first and second body panels;  
at least a first fastener member and a second fastener member fixedly  
secured to and extending outboard from said first and second opposite side edges of said  
first body panel respectively, The refastenable absorbent garment of claim 1 wherein said  
first and second fastener members are bonded to said first and second opposite side edges  
of said first body panel respectively, wherein each of said first and second fastener  
members comprises a refastenable portion; and

first and second extension members fixedly secured to and extending outboard  
from said first and second opposite side edges of said second body panel respectively,  
wherein said refastenable portion of said first fastener member releasably engages said

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first extension member and wherein said refastenable portion of said second fastener member releasably engages said second extension member.

12. (Original) The refastenable absorbent garment of claim 1 wherein said first and second fastener members each comprise a carrier member supporting said refastenable portion.

13. (Currently Amended) The refastenable absorbent garment of claim ~~10~~ 12 wherein said carrier member comprises a pair of tabs supporting first and second refastenable portions respectively.

14. (Currently Amended) A refastenable absorbent garment comprising:  
a first body panel having first and second opposite side edges;  
a second body panel having first and second opposite side edges;  
a crotch portion extending between said first and second body panels,  
wherein said first body panel has a first terminal crotch edge and said second body panel has a second terminal crotch edge longitudinally spaced from said first terminal crotch edge so as to form a gap therebetween, wherein said crotch portion bridges said gap and overlies said first and second terminal crotch edges;

at least a first fastener member and a second fastener member extending outboard from said first and second opposite side edges of said first body panel respectively, wherein each of said first and second fastener members comprises a carrier portion bonded to said first and second opposite side edges respectively and a refastenable portion supported by said carrier portion; and

first and second extension members fixedly secured to and extending outboard from said first and second opposite side edges of said second body panel respectively, wherein said refastenable portion of said first fastener member releasably

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engages said first extension member and wherein said refastenable portion of said second fastener member releasably engages said second extension member.

15. (Original) The refastenable absorbent garment of claim 14 wherein said refastenable portion comprises a hook material.

16. (Original) The refastenable absorbent garment of claim 15 wherein said first and second extension portions comprise a loop material configured to releasably engage said hook material.

17. (Original) The refastenable absorbent garment of claim 14 wherein said first and second extension members have an outboard curved edge.

18. (Original) The refastenable absorbent garment of claim 14 wherein said first and second extension members are elasticized.

19. (Currently Amended) A refastenable absorbent garment comprising:  
a first body panel having first and second opposite side edges;  
a second body panel having first and second opposite side edges;  
a crotch portion extending between said first and second body panels;  
at least a first fastener member and a second fastener member extending  
outboard from said first and second opposite side edges of said first body panel  
respectively, wherein each of said first and second fastener members comprises a carrier  
portion bonded to said first and second opposite side edges respectively and a  
refastenable portion supported by said carrier portion; and

first and second extension members fixedly secured to and extending outboard  
from said first and second opposite side edges of said second body panel respectively,

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wherein said refastenable portion of said first fastener member releasably engages said first extension member and wherein said refastenable portion of said second fastener member releasably engages said second extension member, The refastenable absorbent garment of claim 14 wherein said first and second extension members are secured to a bodyside surface of said second body panel member.

20. (Currently Amended) A refastenable absorbent garment comprising:  
a first body panel having first and second opposite side edges;  
a second body panel having first and second opposite side edges;  
a crotch portion extending between said first and second body panels;  
at least a first fastener member and a second fastener member extending  
outboard from said first and second opposite side edges of said first body panel  
respectively, wherein each of said first and second fastener members comprises a carrier  
portion bonded to said first and second opposite side edges respectively and a  
refastenable portion supported by said carrier portion, The refastenable absorbent  
garment of claim 14 wherein said carrier member comprises a pair of tabs supporting first  
and second refastenable portions respectively; and

first and second extension members fixedly secured to and extending outboard  
from said first and second opposite side edges of said second body panel respectively,  
wherein said refastenable portion of said first fastener member releasably engages said  
first extension member and wherein said refastenable portion of said second fastener  
member releasably engages said second extension member.

Claim 21 (Cancelled).

22. (Previously Presented) The refastenable absorbent garment of claim 1 wherein said first and second extension members each comprise an inboard terminal edge and an outboard terminal edge, wherein said first and second extension members are formed

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separately from said second body panel, and wherein said outboard terminal edges of said first and second extension members are laterally spaced outboard from said first and second opposite side edges of said second body panel respectively.

Claim 23 (Cancelled).

24. (Previously Presented) The refastenable absorbent garment of claim 14 wherein said first and second extension members each comprise an inboard terminal edge and an outboard terminal edge, wherein said first and second extension members are formed separately from said second body panel, and wherein said outboard terminal edges of said first and second extension members are laterally spaced outboard from said first and second opposite side edges of said second body panel respectively.